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Amendments to the Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An adjustment device which includes:

a base;

a pin upstanding from the base and being supported by the base, the pin having a plurality of grooves;
and

a rotatable cam element having a projection capable of engaging one or more of the grooves to alter the distance between the base and the cam element[[:]]

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Claim 2 (original): The device of claim 1, which further includes means for biasing the cam element with respect to the base.

Claim 3 (original): The device of claim 2, wherein the biasing means includes a spring which biases the cam element away from the base.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The device of ~~[[any of one of claim[s] 1 to 3]]~~, claim 1 wherein the grooves are inclined.

Claim 5 (original): The device of claim 4, wherein the grooves form a screw thread.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The device of claim 4, wherein the grooves are parallel, the pin has opposing sides and the one set of grooves is located on one of the sides of the pin and a second set of grooves is located on the opposing side of the pin.

Claims 7 – 29 (canceled).

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Claim 30 (original): The device of claim 1, wherein the cam element includes an aperture adapted to receive a tool to facilitate rotation of the cam element.

Claim 31 (original): A building element suitable for use as a stud or mullion, the building element including a first set of two or more channels and a second set of channels, each channel in each set being adapted to receive a co-operating means for the purpose of mounting a panel or bracket on the building element, the first set of channels being parallel to and spaced from the second set of channels, each channel in the first set of channels having a base between a pair of sides, the bases of the channels in the first set of channels being aligned, characterized in that the first set of channels is spaced from the second set of channels by first and second webs, the first web being parallel to and spaced from the second web.

Claim 32 (original): The building element of claim 31, in which there are three channels in each set of channels.

Claim 33 (original): The building element of claim 31, in which the building element has a first arm and a second arm, the first arm being at an angle to the second, each arm including the first set of channels, the second set of channels and the first and second webs.

Claim 34 (currently amended): The building element of claim 33, wherein the angle between the first and second arms is 90°.

Claim 35 (original): The building element of claim 33, which has more than two arms.

Claim 36 (original): The building element of claim 35, where there are three arms and the building element forms a T shape.

Claim 37 (original): The building element of claim 35, wherein there are four arms and the building element forms a cruciform shape.

Claim 38 (original): The building element of claim 35, wherein the arms lie in more than one plane.

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Claim 39 (original): The adjustment device of claim 1 inserted in the building element of claim 8.

Claim 40 (original): A building element being a joining clip adapted to mount a panel or bracket to the building element of claim 31, the joining clip including the co-operating means and also including means for connecting the joining clip to the panel or bracket, the co-operating means including a pair of resilient arms, characterized in that the joining clip has two separate parts: a first longitudinally extending part which includes the means for connecting the joining clip to the panel or bracket and a second longitudinally extending part which includes the pair of resilient arms, the first part being adapted to mate with the second part.

Claim 41 (original): The building element of claim 40, wherein the first part has a protrusion adapted to snap into or slide into a channel on the second part.

Claim 42 (currently amended): The building element of claim 40, wherein the ~~first~~ second part has a protrusion adapted to snap into or slide into a channel on the first part.

Claim 43 (original): The building element of claim 40, wherein the first and second parts are made of relatively resilient material, to assist in mating one with the other.

Claim 44 (original): The building element of claim 40, when the building element also functions as an internal drain or a seal.

Claim 45 (original): The building element of claim 40, wherein the building element is made of a rigid material.

Claim 46 (original): The building element of claim 45, wherein the building element is made of stainless steel.

Claim 47 (original): The building element of claim 40, wherein the resilient arms included in the co-operating means contain grooves adapted to complement grooves in walls of the channels.